

Northview High School

2024-2025 Cell Phone Policy

HB379: This bill prohibits a student from using a wireless communications device during instructional time (designated as bell to bell), except when directed by a teacher for specific educational purposes, and requires a teacher to designate an area for wireless communications devices during instructional time.

*****Wireless communications devices includes: cell phones, smartwatches, and wireless earbuds or headphones.**

First Offense – The student shall be given a verbal warning. The teacher **will** take the student’s device for the remainder of the class period.

Second Offense – A minor referral will be issued and the student shall receive 1 day of lunch detention. The student will lose their cell phone for the remainder of the day. The teacher will notify a parent and turn the student’s phone in to Mrs. Godwin in the front office. The student may collect their cell phone after the dismissal bell at the end of the day.

Third and Subsequent Offenses – A major referral will be issued and the student shall receive up to 3 days of ISS. The student will enter into a cell phone behavior contract. A parent shall be contacted to pick the student’s cell phone up from school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious discipline consequences.

Reminders

- Students should not have their cell phones on their person during instructional time.
- Students should not have their cell phones on their desks during instructional time.
- Students should not take their cell phones to the restroom with them during instructional time.

****Instructional time is defined as bell to bell by the Florida Legislature.**

District Student Code of Conduct (page 9)

“A student may not use a wireless communications device during instructional time, except when used solely for educational purposes as directed by the teacher, or when used as a medical alert device registered with the school clinic. **A teacher may withhold a student’s wireless device during instruction time.** Students are not allowed to access social media platforms at school except when directed to do so by a teacher solely for educational purposes. This means you cannot access social media such as Tik Tok, Snapchat, or other social media AT ANY TIME on school grounds, including before and after school, during lunch, between classes, or at extracurricular activities. The use of Airdrop is prohibited. You can use your electronic communication device when a teacher gives you permission to use it as part of a lesson. You may use your electronic communication device before and after school and while on the bus, but the electronic communication device must be on silent during the school day and while on the bus. At some schools, you may be able to use your electronic communication device between classes and during lunch”.